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Chenai v Brenda...
it's all kicking off!



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OOPS, SHE'S DONE IT AGAIN!

EXCLUSIVE

TEARFUL Britney Spears has kicked husband Kevin Federline out of their home during a blazing row. Brit, 23, is also said to have consulted lawyers. Now pals fear her second marriage is doomed after just over a year.

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Brit boots out Kev and talks to lawyer just year after wedding

I'VE QUIT... SO I'M QUIDS IN!

Shamed Blunkett to make a fortune

DAVID Blunkett is aiming to cash in after quitting in disgrace yesterday.

The Work and Pensions Secretary finally resigned following a storm over his business deals that broke Westminster rules.

His departure is his second resignation in 10 months, having quit as Home Secretary last December over a visa for his ex-lover's nanny.

Defiant Mr Blunkett - still insisting he'd done nothing wrong - wants to cash in now he's free of Whitehall restrictions.

He is plotting a new career as a £5,000-a-time after-dinner speaker, media pundit and troubleshooter for businesses and charities.

He has also scrapped plans to return shares in paternity test firm DNA Bioscience. The shares, which contributed to the scandal, will net his family up to £400,000.

Mr Blunkett, 58, was going to give up his £15,000 stake because of Ministerial rules, but has changed his mind now he's out of the Government.

He will also get a second resignation pay-off of £18,700, doubling the sum he earned after quitting the Home Office. In total, Mr Blunkett is



by **MACER HALL**
Political Editor

expected to earn far more than his £130,347 ministerial salary. Mr Blunkett said yesterday: "I'm guilty of a mistake and am paying the price for it. I make no bones about saying that is my fault and I stand by it."

He then accused the BBC's Newsnight of "smears" and publicist Max Clifford, 62, of telling "complete lies" about his relationship with a blonde.

Mr Blunkett ruled out another Government return but hopes to "play a part in public life".

He needs the money because of his £100,000 legal battle with ex Kimberly Quinn, 44, over access to his son. The resignation is a blow to Tony Blair as Mr Blunkett was one of his few remaining allies in a divided Cabinet.

The PM, 52, praised his pal, who he begged to reconsider.

Decent

He said: "Whatever mistakes he made, I've always believed and believe now that he is a decent and honourable man."

Mr Blunkett had breached the Ministerial Code by failing to seek advice before taking three consultancy jobs.

He also admitted yesterday to being late in registering three speeches worth £20,000 with authorities.

In the Commons, Tory leader Michael Howard, 64, taunted Mr Blair over his lack of authority.

He said: "For how long will this country have to put up with this lame duck Prime Minister, in office but not in power?"

Mr Blunkett keeps his £3m Government mansion while he looks for a new London home and can keep his £100,000 Jag for now.

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ON THE UP: David Blunkett is set to launch a lucrative new career

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HUTTON'S JOB

DAVID Blunkett's replacement as Work and Pensions Secretary will be Deregulation Minister John Hutton.

The former law lecturer has been Mr Blunkett's chief defender during the scandal. Downing Street says his own replacement will be named next week.

Mr Hutton, 50, was elected as an MP for Barrow and Furness in Cumbria in 1992 and served as a health minister from 1999 until May's election.

His challenges are to shake up the pensions system and cut benefits spending.



NEW ROLE: Hutton

LOTTO DAILY PLAY
WEDNESDAY, NOV 2

2 4 9 12 19 21 24

No ticket matched all 7 balls for the £30,000 jackpot

SATURDAY LOTTO

OCTOBER 29

2 5 13 30 39 49 3

One ticket matched six balls for the £5.2m jackpot

EXTRA: 2, 19, 29, 32, 40, 46 T-Ball: 2, 5, 8, 17, 20 (Tb 8)

No Extra winners of £1.9m jackpot. No £250k T-Ball winners

WEDNESDAY LOTTO

OCTOBER 26

10 14 26 28 33 38 23

One winning ticket scoops £2.7 million

Extra: 16, 19, 28, 32, 33, 43 T-Ball: 5, 12, 17, 25, 27 (Tb 14)

No Extra winners of £1.8m jackpot. No £250k T-Ball winners

EURO MILLIONS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

14, 36, 44, 47, 50

Lucky Star Numbers 3, 5

No UK winners of the £16.7m jackpot

Happy Birthday

Arsenal and England striker Ian Wright - now on TV's *They Think It's All Over* - is 42 today.



Thought for the day...

I poured Spot remover on my dog. Now he's gone.

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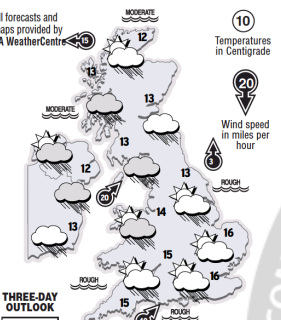
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TODAY: The southern half of the UK will have gales. South-east England will have showers. The rest of England and Wales will have rain. Southern Scotland and Northern Ireland will be wet, but northern Scotland will be brighter.

OUTLOOK: Tomorrow, most of England and Wales will be fine. Northern England, Scotland and Northern Ireland will have rain. On Saturday, rain will spread west, but the east will be dry.

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THREE-DAY OUTLOOK

Friday
Showers

Saturday
Showers

Sunday
Rain

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Czech Republic	39.93 korunas
Mexico	16.92 pesos
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Thailand	64.15 baht
Turkey	2.24 new lira
United States	1.68 dollars

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ABROAD

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Dublin	fair	17c (63f)	Nice	sunny	21c (70f)
L.A.	cloudy	30c (86f)	Paris	rain	16c (61f)
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Hayley

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HEAVENLY Hayley certainly enjoys the good things in life. The 21-year-old Essex babe just loves tucking into her favourite dish of fish and chips. And her driving ambition is to get behind the wheel of a Porsche. Not at the same time, we hope.



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MATT: I'M A LITTLE BRIT OF A LOONY

Duo's wacky ritual

DAVID Walliams and Matt Lucas have revealed their barmy behind-the-scenes ritual to keep their Little Britain tour on the road.

It includes gargling warm honey and lemon daily – and tucking into bowls of Marks & Spencer melon.

The comedy pair, playing to sell-out audiences with the stage version of their hit show, also inhale steam every day to stop them losing their voices.

And the highlight of their marathon tour of the country is tasting local jams.

They are going through with their ritual to make sure their characters, such as Lou and Andy, can belt out their catchphrases.

Choosy

A source said: "Matt and David have to stay fit and healthy because this tour lasts for another six months."

"The therapy for their voices might sound a bit over the top but they are very important and make sure their voices are OK."

"They are also being very choosy about what they eat and drink. If one of them loses their voice then it would be impossible for the show to go on."

Speaking about getting hot and steamy with his co-star, Matt, 31, said: "We won't embrace the rock'n'roll lifestyle on this tour. We'll be in our hotel eating Marks & Spencer melon medley."

"The truth is you have to inhale a steamer full of boiling water every day to keep your voice in good condition."

The duo have also

by MARK JEFFERIES

ditched a traditional tour bus in favour of travelling in cars for the gigs, which don't end until May 2006.

It means they stay in plush hotels and are able to get to bed early.

David, 34, added: "If we were in a rock'n'roll band



IN GOOD VOICE: Lou and Andy

it'd be great to have bunks and groupies.

"But two fat comedians in their 30s aren't quite as glamorous."

The pair are back on telly next month with a host of new characters in the third series of Little Britain.

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SOPHIE'S MODEL HOME

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Carol's game at Christmas

SANTA'S Christmas list will read like a Who's Who of celebrities this year.

Carol Vorderman, 44, who has released Touch Screen Sudoku, and 30-year-old chef Jamie Oliver's Flavour Shaker are set to be best sellers on the Amazon website.

Its researchers predict the £89.99 Roboraptor will be the most popular gift under the tree this Christmas, but star-endorsed products will dominate online sales.

Jamie Oliver's Italy is tipped to be massive and Trinny, 40, and Susannah, 42, should be at the top of the book charts with Look Different, Feel Different, Act Different. Amazon's Rakhi Parekh said: "Celebrity influence is spreading beyond traditional books, CDs and films."

We Save Christmas: See Page 16

ANGUS Deayton is ready to try out tips on tantric sex and knitting in a new video-clips show for ITV.

The former Have I Got News For You star, 49, will host the series which looks at the 10,000 self-help tapes available on a wide variety of subjects.

An ITV source said: "It is a bit like Tarrant On TV but the difference is that Angus is going to be trying out some of the techniques on the video."

The show is to be screened this winter.

Cousin of star held

by STEPHEN RIGLEY

FOOTBALL star Cristiano Ronaldo's cousin has been arrested over the alleged "roasting" of two girls.

The Daily Star exclusively revealed that police wanted to talk to the Portuguese man.

He is believed to have been with the Manchester United midfielder last month when the alleged sex assault took place. Ronaldo, 20, has admitted having sex with the women in his £2,500-a-night room at London's Sanderson Hotel but says it was with their consent.

Quiz

Operation Sapphire detectives - who first exposed the practice of "roasting" among young football stars - travelled to Manchester to quiz Ronaldo's cousin yesterday.

He has not been named. A Scotland Yard spokesman said: "The man, who is in his 20s, has been arrested on suspicion of rape."

Police arrested Ronaldo on October 19 after he went to a police station in south Manchester. He gave a



RAPE DENIAL: Ronaldo

DNA sample, was fingerprinted and spent nine hours in custody but claims he is "totally innocent" of rape.

Police are now in discussion with the Crown Prosecution Service about whether to bring charges.

£26.5m swoop

THREE men have been arrested in connection with the £26.5 million robbery at the Northern Bank in Belfast last December.

Two of them were named as Dominic McEvoy, 23, and Peter Morgan, 24, of Kilcoo, Co Down.

The village is near to where a bank official's wife was held hostage.

Police who swooped on the men believe the IRA was behind the robbery.

Straw's Iran rap

JACK Straw warned Iran and Syria last night to stop backing terrorism as he fears the radical states could jeopardise peace in the Middle East.

His threat came in a speech to Labour Friends of Israel where he hit out at Iran's President's wish to "wipe Israel off the map".

The Foreign Secretary, 59, added: "Syria's evasive attitude has to change or face the consequences."

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LESLEY: YOU'VE

Telly babe in tears as she returns to Mum & Dad

Pictures: TONY FISHER



EXCLUSIVE

by JERRY LAWTON
TROUBLED Big Brother star Lesley Sanderson had a tearful reunion with her desperate parents last night.

The 19-year-old thanked the Daily Star for saving her life by making her realise she needed to go home.

Lesley had hit the skids after struggling with fame following her appearance on the show.

She hit the bottle, split from her family and blew her savings before moving into a squalid flat in an alleged red-light zone.

Lesley then told police she was raped in a hotel room by a man she had just met.

She had not spoken to her worried parents Paul, 36, and Heather, 39, since storming out of a crisis meeting last week.

But after reading in the Daily Star how her problems had left them heartbroken she suddenly got in touch and agreed to return home.

As she hugged her mum and dad last night, Lesley said: "I realise I really need to be home right now."

"I have learned some very harsh lessons in the past few weeks."

Fame

"We've a lot of talking to do and some bridges to build but they are willing to help and that means the world to me."

The ex-performing arts student applied for the show hoping it would be a ticket to fame.

She said: "I thought I could come out of Big Brother and the rest of my life would be mapped out for me. But that's not the case."

"It's not easy dealing with everything that goes with it."

"Not everyone is happy to see you and not everyone likes you."

"Other people just want to know you because they think they are going to get something out of it."

Lesley was an admin assistant for an aircraft engineering firm when she was picked out of the queue for Big Brother auditions

REALITY CHECK: Lesley soon realised fame wasn't for her

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FAMILY MATTERS:
Lesley's back
with parents
Heather and
Paul



Kinky BB nurse

LESLEY shot to fame earlier this year after her stunning entrance into BB6 wearing a kinky PVC-style nurse's uniform. The brunette then flashed her 38DD boobs just one hour and 47 minutes into her stay when she whipped off her top.

Moments later she had a three-way snog with fellow contestants Anthony Hutton, 23, and Vanessa Layton-McIntosh, 20. She pledged to play the part of "a total bitch" on the show to stir up the housemates. Fellas at home loved her antics but women and teenage girls were less impressed and she was voted out after just 15 days.

in Newcastle upon Tyne. When she entered the Big Brother house it was the first time she had spent a night away from her parents' home in Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield, West Yorks.

Last night she said her life was "totally changed" by the show.

"I didn't enjoy it in the house and stayed in bed for three days so I'd be as boring as possible and they'd vote me out," she said.

"It was a whirlwind of showbiz parties at first. But when they dried up there was no support from Big Brother at all.

"Because my parents didn't like me partying our relationship got worse and worse."

Just 12 hours after she left home Lesley said she was attacked by a man she met in Leeds.

She waived her right to anonymity as an alleged rape victim but cannot talk about the incident because police are investigating. A man has been questioned and released on bail.

Lesley then moved into a flat

in a rundown district of Huddersfield with four men. Meanwhile her parents contacted fellow housemate Derek Laud, 41, and asked him to urge her to return home.

But they feel Derek let them down and instead invited her to London to hit the party scene.

Lesley said: "I have been let down by many people, some who claimed to be my friends."

Safe

Her builder dad Paul said: "I'm just relieved she's home. We spent all night on the phone talking about everything."

"Then she asked me to go and pick her up and I didn't hesitate."

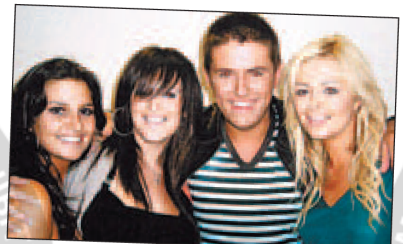
And mum Heather added: "It has been a nightmare. We just wanted her to be safe. We've got lots of talking to do and bridges to mend."

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PARTY TIME:
Lesley on a
night out
with Orlaith



BB MATES: Lesley with Saskia, Craig and Orlaith.
Below: How we broke the story on Tuesday

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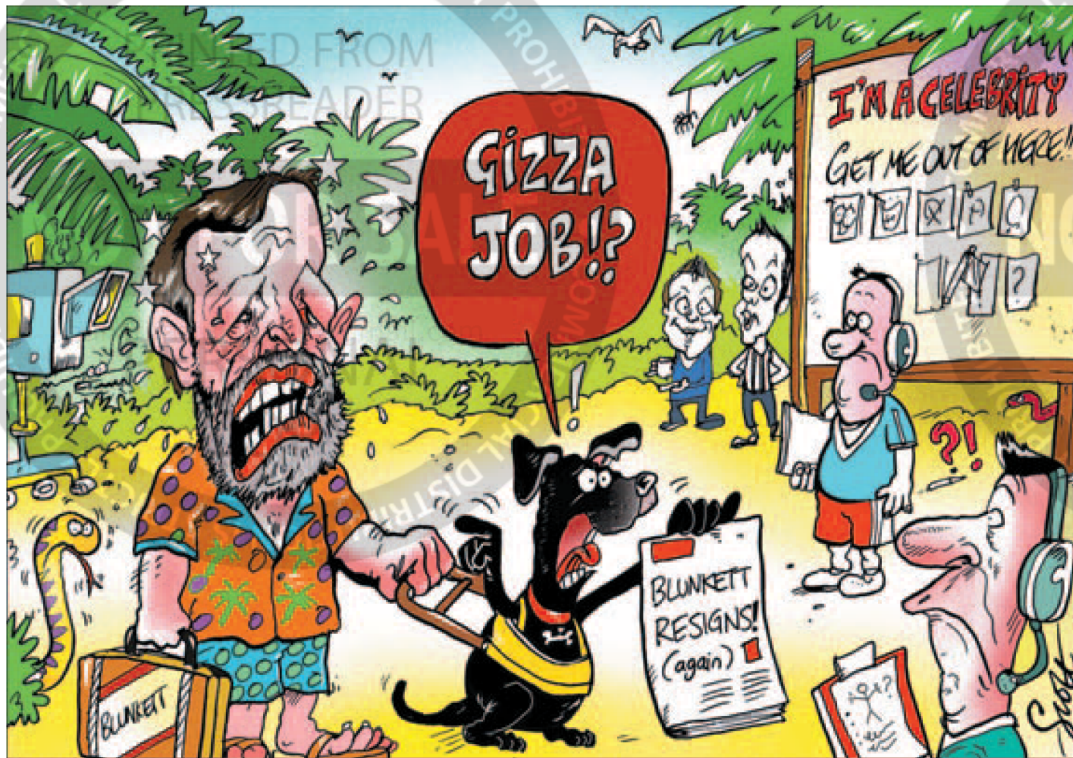


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DAILY STAR says Blunkett excuses

GOOD riddance to David Blunkett.

He's been forced to quit the Cabinet in disgrace for the SECOND time in less than a year.

He headed off to the political wilderness yesterday, kicking and screaming and blaming his downfall on everyone from Max Clifford to the BBC.

What an undignified exit.

The fact is Mr Blunkett was the architect of his own misfortune.

He was caught out repeatedly breaching the rules governing the financial dealings of Ministers.

His departure is welcome and it now puts the heat on Tony Blair.

The Prime Minister made a colossal misjudgment in bringing Mr Blunkett back into the Cabinet.

He then made a further blunder by supporting him throughout this latest crisis.

Now that his strongest political ally has gone, maybe Tony should follow him out the door.

Get well soon Les

WE'RE proud to have helped Big Brother star Lesley Sanderson.

Earlier this week, we told how she had gone off the rails.

She simply wasn't able to handle the fame and excitement that came from appearing on the show.

Lesley had blown all her money on booze and moved out of the family house into a squalid flat.

In an emotional interview with the Daily Star, her anxious parents Paul and Heather pleaded with her to come home.

Yesterday Lesley answered the call and was reunited with her mum and dad.

It's understandable that this 19-year-old's head was turned by the whirl of showbiz parties she was plunged into after BB.

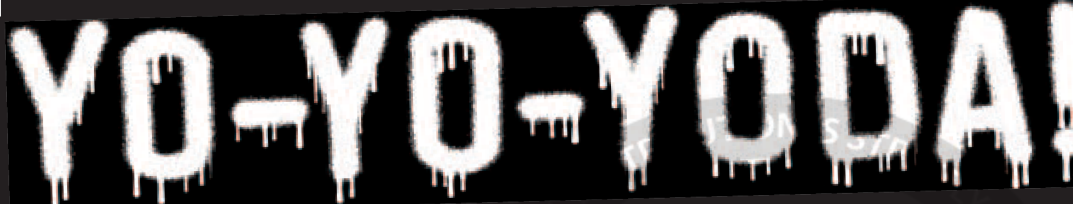
Now with Heather and Paul's support, we're sure she'll get her life back on track.

Good luck!

A Brit girlie

LITTLE Britain stars Matt Lucas and David Walliams prepare for their stage show with steam and honey therapies.

They really are a pair of pampered little lay-dees!



Star Wars hero's rap dance DVD

YO-YO-YODA'S in da house!

Here's the Star Wars legend taking a break from defeating the Dark Side - to throw some wicked breakdancing moves.

The Jedi master may be 900 years old but he can still rap to hip-hop tunes like the meanest homeboy.

This hilarious footage is a hidden feature on the Revenge of the Sith DVD, which hit stores last week.

Cult

It didn't take fans long to find the scenes, which show Yoda getting down to The Roots' cult rap anthem 'Don't Say Nuthin'.

The pint-sized hero is surrounded by Stormtroopers who really dig his body-popping. It was made by Lucasfilm to mark the end of the space series.

You can access the feature, known as an "easter egg", by inserting the first disc, going to the language page, highlighting the THX logo and pressing 138 then enter.

Dancing Yoda's just the latest easter egg feature to thrill movie fans.

The hidden extras - often spoof scenes, rare interviews, daft out-takes and alternative endings - have become DVD favourites.

They have featured on



JEDI KNIGHT FEVER:
Yoda shows off moves

■ by GARY NICKS

discs of everything from Hollywood blockbusters to telly series Bo' Selecta!

Classic easter eggs have included Tom Cruise, 43, dancing around in out-takes from Vanilla Sky; an alternative happy ending to Terminator 2 and spoof classified ads featuring the Star Wars characters - including a lonely hearts ad placed by Yoda.

On the Rocky DVD there's a hilarious interview between Sylvester

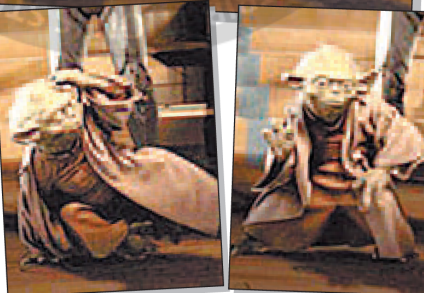
Stallone, 59, as himself and playing his boxing movie character Rocky Balboa.

Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle includes behind-the-scenes footage about equipment on the set and a look at the movie's stunts.

And on The Simpsons: The Complete Third Season there's a cool commentary track and hilarious audio out-takes.

Even Fawcett Towers Series 2 has secret footage - a feature on what became of the original hotel.

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Pals fear pop star's marriage has hit the rocks

ORDERED OUT: Kevin, pictured yesterday, was told to go by Britney in a row about his partying

BRITNEY: I'M FED UP WITH YOU

ANGRY Britney Spears told husband Kevin Federline their marriage was over during a blazing row.

The 23-year-old new mum demanded a trial separation during a bust-up, according to reports in the US last night.

Tearful Britney ordered Kevin, 27, to leave their luxury Malibu home.

He packed a bag and stormed out to stay at a friend's house until she had cooled down.

Pals fear her second marriage is in serious trouble - her first to old school pal Jason Alexander, lasted just two days.

Kevin and Britney's stormy 13-month marriage has been peppered with fall-outs and bust-ups.

The rows are soon followed by the pair kissing and making up. But Hollywood sources claim that the relationship has reached a crisis.

And they say it's because the pop princess is tired of Kevin partying while she brings up their baby Sean Preston.

She has even been reported to have consulted lawyers about a formal separation.

Pals have also been voicing fears that the marriage has hit the rocks.

One told a US magazine: "Brit's had all she can stand of the problems with Kevin."

"She needs a rest from the war. She explained to Kevin that the split would be temporary, that it would give them some breathing room to sort out their problems."

by NIGEL PAULEY

Britney's giving it her all to make things work." Part of the problem is Britney trying to cope with the demands of their six-week-old baby.

On another occasion Kevin reportedly left her at home changing nappies while he had his hair braided.

He also regularly storms out after a row and goes clubbing until the early hours.

It has also been claimed Britney, pictured right, and Kevin had to re-shoot scenes for their reality telly show after a series of foul-mouthed bust-ups.

A Hollywood source said yesterday: "Her hormones are all over the place, she's tired and feels Kevin isn't being very supportive right now."

"She has had enough of Kevin going out with friends and flirting with other women."

Serious

"They enjoy a very fiery relationship which has its ups and downs - but every one's really concerned that they might have reached a dead end this time."

"If she has consulted lawyers, it is more serious than usual."

Kevin has also been unhappy at his wife confiding in her ex Justin Timberlake, 24.

The friend added: "Kevin was furiously jealous when Britney admitted that she and Justin have long phone chats."

Britney's spokeswoman Lesley Sloan insisted last night that the couple's relationship was "fine".

But another friend claimed Kevin went away for a few days to give Britney some space and time with her girlfriends.

Britney married Kevin after a whirlwind romance. They tied the knot in a Kabbalah-style ceremony at a private house in LA in September 2004.

Months earlier she had wed Alexander, 23, in a drunken jape in Vegas - but the marriage was annulled within two days when they admitted it was a prank.

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Hey Jude are you two together again?

CHEATING Jude Law and ex Sienna Miller sparked rumours they're back together with a cosy reunion. The couple were pictured having a long lunch before heading back to Jude's north London mansion.

And showbiz insiders said last night it is the clearest sign yet the couple are trying to rekindle their rocky romance.

Their relationship had showbiz tongues wagging all summer.

First Sienna, 23, dumped Jude, 32, when he cheated on her with

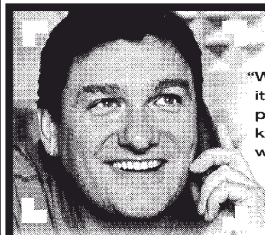
by GARY NICKS

nanny Daisy Wright, 26. The heartbroken Alfie actress then called off their wedding and walked out.

But yesterday our photographer pictured them slipping into a restaurant near Jude's Maida Vale home for lunch.

Sienna was with her mum Josephine, far left, whose house she's been staying at.

A pal of the pair admitted: "If you're at each other's throats, you don't go out for lunch..."



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ABOUT TELLY



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Ray plays a dirty game

TELLY hardman Ray Winstone will play a corrupt football boss in a new Channel 4 drama exposing the seedy side of the game.

Vincent star Ray, 48, will be seen taking bungs and bribes as he gets caught-up in a web of dodgy dealings.

Ray will play manager Frankie, who is torn between loyalty towards his family and the club he loves, in the drama, called All In The Game.

Channel 4 sources claim that the one-off is a "darkly funny" drama that portrays the changing face of football.

It will be screened next year.

One Channel 4 insider said: "The Premiership is now a ruthless world where money and power have become the driving forces."

"Frankie aims to make his fortune by putting some dodgy deals the way of his agent son, Martin."

"The pressure hots up and his actions rapidly spiral into extreme and immoral territory, the game is soon forgotten."

"Modern football is portrayed as

by NIGEL PAULEY

a dirty, money-making machine. There are no heroes in this game."

Details of the show, which is being filmed in January, were revealed yesterday at Channel 4's winter season launch.

Other highlights unveiled by channel chiefs include the return of cult Eighties show The Comic Strip Presents.

Smash

It will include original cast members Rik Mayall, 47, and Nigel Planer, 52.

The smash US drama Desperate Housewives, starring Teri Hatcher, 40 and Eva Longoria, 30, returns for a second series early next year.

And it has also been revealed that Shameless will kick off its third series with a special feature-length episode.

There is also a controversial documentary called Gay Muslims. It will look at the struggles faced by Muslims who are homosexual.



BENT BOSS: Ray Winstone



Y-FRONT MAN: Christian Brassington plays Tony Blair as a wannabe in his days at Oxford

Blair's undie band

by MARK JEFFERIES

HERE'S the Prime Minister as you've never seen him before in a fur coat and Y-fronts.

The shaggy-haired youngster is Tony Blair when he was lead singer of Oxford University rock band Ugly Rumours.

His youth is being recreated in Tony Blair Rock School, a comedy documentary on Channel 4 in January.

Actor Christian Brassington, 22, plays the young Blair, who is now 52, and show bosses have interviewed university pals about the Labour leader.

A Channel 4 spokesman said: "One of the more surprising things that comes out is a picture of Tony Blair as a fame-obsessed student with no interest in politics, although he did crave the limelight."

Channel 4's head of documentaries Danny Cohen said the show provides rich ground for "a gentle ribbing" of the PM's teenage ambitions.

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FROST HEATS UP THE JUNGLE

JUNGLE CAT: Former Atomic Kitten Jenny Frost, right, who will certainly brighten up the Outback

Sexy Jenny set for Oz trip

I'M A CELEBRITY bosses have signed up gorgeous Jenny Frost for the new series.

Former Atomic Kitten Jenny will join ex-Blue hunk Antony Costa and Emmerdale star Adele Silva in the jungle.

ITV bosses are delighted to have landed Costa and his sexy girlfriend Adele for the series, which starts in three weeks.

And they have added some extra glamour by getting Jenny to agree to rough it.

Gorgeous

Costa, 24, is a late signing for the series and telly chiefs are now making plans for Adele to get time off from Emmerdale to fly out to Australia and appear during the second week of the show.

It would be a repeat of last year's jungle stunt when Nancy Sorrell, 30, was joined in Oz by her hubby Vic Reeves, 46, who arrived as a late addition.

Last night a senior show source said: "We're very close to finalising our line-up for the jungle and getting Antony on

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board at this late stage is a fabulous coup for us.

"He has millions of female fans out there and he's also dating the gorgeous Adele.

"We want her to drop into the jungle if she can get time off from filming in Emmerdale.

"She'd be real eye candy for the lads. We've also got Jenny, too.

"If she can perform like Kerry Katona, she is going to have a good chance of winning.

"This year's show promises to be bigger and better and scarier than ever for the unsuspecting contestants once they set up camp and we're very

confident that it will be another hit."

Boyband star Antony is working on his debut solo album - out next year. It's his first venture since Blue - who scored massive hits with All Rise and Guilty - split up.

Away from work, he is now living with Adele, 24, in a plush Hertfordshire house and they have just celebrated their first year together.

Massive

Curvy Adele is a regular at the Woolpack, where she plays superbitch Kelly Windsor.

Recently her storylines have seen her seducing curate Ethan Blake, played by Liam O'Brien, 25.

Jenny, 27, is carefully considering the offer, as it could give a massive boost to her solo singing career.

She has launched a modelling career since the Kittens split last year and has lined up some big-money deals.

The series, which will once again be hosted by Ant, 29, and Dec, 30, is due to start on Sunday November 20.

Stars signed up so far are Lady Thatcher's daughter Carol, 52, Food and Drink presenter Jilly Goolden, 49, former EastEnders Sid Owen, 33, Bargain Hunt host David Dickinson, 64, comics Cannon, 67, and Ball, 61, soccer legend Rodney Marsh, 60, and Rough Guide gal Magenta de Vine, 45.

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LOVED UP: Star couple Adele Silva and Antony Costas



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Shoe look good, Posh

SEXY Victoria Beckham dressed to impress for lunch yesterday. Posh, 31, looked stunning in a black outfit with stiletto boots to eat with star shoe designer Patrick Cox, 41, at London's Japanese Umu eaterie.

But the former Spice Girl was left exposed at the back as her zip-up skirt showed off her tattoo.

Pictures: EXPOSURE

AWARD-WINNING

VANESSA FELTZ



There's no excuse for him this time...

XMAS IDIOTS DRIVE US MAD

SO Tony's bitten the bullet and junked the Blunk. Frankly, he had no choice.

Blunko's behaviour has become so freakishly weird that anyone would think he'd morphed into a character from a Jack Nicholson movie.

He wasn't always this bewildering. Kimberleygate we couldn't condone, but we could all understand.

Undersexed minister meets sultry seductress, confuses lust with love and flips his lid. Even if we haven't all been there and done it, we know someone who has.

We didn't approve of attempting to kybosh Stephen Quinn's family by impregnating his missus and putting a cuckoo in his nest, but at least we got the gist of it.

Even passing free rail tickets to his mistress and fast tracking her maid's visa made some sense. Who hasn't got discounts for family, or used a bit of power and influence to impress the beloved?

When Blunkett and Sadie the dog sadly walked away from the Home Office, we knew justice had been done, but most of us thought, "There but for the grace of God go I", and felt a slight ripple of compassion.

Disgrace No.2 is a different matter. Quite simply, the Blunk's gone bonkers. Even his closest pals can't begin to twig what possessed him to take an iffy job for a mere two weeks, even though he knew he'd be coming back to the Cabinet.

No one can work out why he ignored not one, not two, but THREE warning letters from the chairman of the Advisory Committee for Business Appointments.

It's impossible to imagine how he could have failed to notice a potential conflict between the interests of a DNA testing company and his job as head of the Child Support Agency. Or how he could have thought that putting his shares in that company in trust for his eldest sons would somehow get him off the hook.

When people start making decisions so alarmingly loopy and utterly unfathomable, the time has come to relieve them of their responsibilities and, of course, their privileges.

David Blunkett got a second chance. He blew it spectacularly, through a fatal cocktail of greed and arrogance. He learned nothing from his mistakes. Tony Blair learned even less from the cautionary tale of Peter Mandelson's turbo charged resurrections and humiliating falls from grace.

How long before we witness Blunk's third coming and Sadie leads her master aboard the Brussels gravy train en route to a cushy five-star future pontificating at our expense?

Fame's a fool's game

OF COURSE I send my condolences to Big Brother's Lesley Sanderson, who landed on skid row in a right pickle. However, as an ex-Big Brother housemate myself, I can confirm the so-called Big Brother curse is entirely self-inflicted.

Fame-fixated fools who willingly sacrifice anonymity and a quiet life for a stint on the show, a few crummy tickets to film premieres and a lorry load of scrutiny, intrusion and bad publicity, have to be a few bangers short of a barbecue in the first place.

We've all seen Big Bro wannabes clinging to "fame" by their nail extensions, desperate for recognition, unable to face up to the fact that their 15 minutes is up. We've all read the revelations from past lovers, long-lost parents and probation officers. Anyone too blinded by ambition to appreciate the risks would do better to blame themselves, not a TV show.



PERFECTLY MATCHED..

BRAD and Ange have tied the knot. Great. They deserve each other. Both have made a mockery of the institution of marriage. Both have embarrassed and humiliated the adorable Jennifer Aniston.

Both have the supreme self-confidence which comes with being so sickeningly good looking they can't even imagine how it feels to wake up spotty, saggy, scruffy or with a thick cushion of cellulite where you used to have an arse. I hope they make each other as miserable as they've managed to render every dumped, dejected past partner they've professed to love.

HAVE just gone head to head with Lambeth Tory Councillor Bernard Gentry on my BBC London radio show.

You'll remember Lambeth - it's the borough which will be switching on the Winter Lights in case the word Christmas offends ethnic minorities.

Councillor Gentry claimed to be outraged at the ban on Christmas, blaming a nameless "council official".

"All right," I said, "what are you going to do about it?"

"Bring it up at the next council meeting," said he.

"When's that?"

"November 23rd."

"But that's too late. The Winter Lights ceremony's on the 19th. Can't you call an emergency meeting?"

"Certainly not. It will cost thousands of pounds."

"Why? Couldn't you ring your colleagues on your mobile and ask them round to your place for a chat?"

"No," said Councillor Gentry. "My flat's too small."

So there you have it. A borough that bans Christmas, a councillor who goes on the radio and passes the buck and the citizens of Lambeth -

Christian, Jew, Muslim, Sikh and Pagan - feeling patronised, insulted and disempowered.

POLICE ARE AS THICK AS THIEVES

HOW good do you have to be at maths to join the police force? Key stage two. Ask any child and they'll tell you that means the last year of primary school. In other words, to be

appointed a cop - with our lives in your hands - you need to be no more numerate than the average 11-year-old.

I accept it isn't part of the Old Bill's remit to wrestle with a slide

rule or algebra, but would you trust a policeman who's barely mastered his nine times table to calculate your loss after a robbery or even to tot up what's been nicked from your till? As for

literacy, you'd expect higher standards from a reasonably savvy five-year-old. If you want positive proof that dumbing down is alive and well and ruling the roost, it's at a cop shop near you.

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HOLLYWOOD hunk George Clooney is due to jet into London today. The sexy star, 44, is flying in from LA to close the BFI London Film Festival at London's Leicester Square Odeon cinema. And he'll later let his hair down with us at the Florida restaurant. Swoon...

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Cole gets plastered

NOTHING seems to stand between footballer **Ashley Cole** and his beloved nights out on the lash.

The 24-year-old Arsenal star, er, hot-footed it out for a night at London club Chinawhites with steely determination and a cast covering his broken trotter.

And that's not to mention support from male pals who helped him keep an even keel.

We reckon his gorgeous fiancée, **Girls Aloud** singer **Cheryl Tweedy**, will worry about him being out and about with his injury.

Cheryl, 22, plans to marry her hunk next year and also wants to become a mum.

She explained: "I have been dating blokes since I was young and they say when you meet somebody you just know - and I definitely did."

"I want to do it now so I can be a young mum."

I think it's lovely to settle down young and have a family.

RIO'S GOOD ON THE AIR

United star lined up for radio slot

FOOTBALL star Rio Ferdinand is being groomed by radio bosses to take to the airwaves next year and be the next Chris Moyles.

Well, after a fashion. There IS only one Chris Moyles.

But the 26-year-old England defender - who makes no bones about his passion for DJing and owns record label Whitechalk Music - has high hopes of hosting his own dance show.

An insider revealed: "Rio is exceptionally talented both on the field and off."

"And he certainly knows a top tune when he hears one."

Rio has struck up a close friendship with music maestro **Tony Wilson**, 55.

And our source says he has also become acquainted with Galaxy FM's Mobo Award winning DJ **Steve Sutherland**.

Steve reckons that the footballer has a great future in the radio business.

Our insider added: "Steve is more than happy to show Rio the ropes when it comes to on-air skills."

"Rio quite fancies trying to do some radio stuff next year when things may

quieten down a bit for him. At the moment he is rushed off his feet with work commitments, but still adores music."

"And there is no doubt that if he were to try his hand at a national networked show, he'd definitely be brilliant. The ratings would rock."

"He is just so passionate and in the know about music."

The fit fella has also recently been approached by film producers.

They are interested in signing him up for several cameo roles.

But for now, his heart is only set on football and the music business.

Love

And the Manchester United star, left, has recently been scouring the country for fresh young talent to sign to his own record label.

He said: "I definitely want to be a hands-on person."

"It's very important that I become 'the face' and not just 'the name' for the young talent that I am involved with."

"I want to be there to give them as much love, help and encouragement as I can."

"If I - a black youth from Peckham - can make it, anybody can."

There's just something about Rio...



Picture: WIREIMAGE

ASHLEE Simpson had a hair-raising experience during a TV interview in Toronto, Canada, when she promoted her latest flick **Undiscovered**.

The younger sister of **Dukes Of Hazzard** star **Jessica**, 25, said she was "bowled over" after being asked to sign autographs for more than 100 fans who had braved the cold to catch a glimpse of the 21-year-old outside the Chum City TV Building. We just hope she obliged...

SPOTTED

IN London: **Will Young** striding through Soho wearing the **WORST** pair of cut-off tracksuit bottoms. **Radio 1** babe **Edith Bowman** on **Wardour Street**. **Strictly Come Dancing** queen **Patsy Palmer** looking fresh-faced outside **Bethnal Green Tube** and **Terry Wogan** stepping out of a black cab by the **Royal Albert Hall**. In Leeds, **Amy Nuttall** in the **Victoria Quarter**.

LEO LEANS ON PARIS

LEONARDO DiCaprio appears to have his sights set on a new woman just days after splitting with long-term love **Gisele Bündchen**, 25.

The 30-year-old Hollywood thesp was engrossed in deep conversation with socialite **Paris Hilton**, 24, during a night out at the Hard Rock's Simon eaterie in Las Vegas.

And onlookers said the pair seemed

very close. A fellow diner said: "Leo looked like he was in his element chatting away to Paris."

"It was as if they have both been friends for years."

"They were all smiles."

"It was almost as though Paris was trying to give him advice on his love life."

Oh no...

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KATE'S DOH IN LOVE

KATE Moss may have been out of rehab in Arizona only a matter of days but pals fear she's ready to give bad boy lover **Pete Doherty** a last chance.

One revealed she's been calling the **Babyshambles** frontman every day and warned: "Pete's brought nothing but trouble to her door."

"Loads of people think he's history

but the real truth is she's still completely addicted to him.

"Kate's in constant contact with him and although she's happy for the world to believe the love affair's over, she won't let go."

The 31-year-old supermodel is said to be heading for the Caribbean later this week. Wonder if Pete, 26, will join her?

QUICKIE...

BRITISH babe **Anna Friel** has confessed she's aroused by arms.

When asked her fave body part, the 29-year-old actress revealed: "The forearm. Men develop hard muscles there."

She also said partner, **David Thewlis**, 42, finds it sexy when she slips on a pair of stockings.

She confessed: "I usually wear tights but David is a stockings man."

QUICKIE...

MADONNA claims she regrets her wild antics over the years.

The 47-year-old singer said: "I get freaked out by some of my haircuts and outfits, and some ex-boyfriends, but nothing too serious."

"I like to think of myself as a revolutionary."

Funny how she's speaking out so much now – just as she is promoting her new single *Hung Up*.

QUICKIE...

ACTOR Clive Owen confesses he is bossed around by his nine-year-old daughter.

The 40-year-old *Closer* star has two children, Hannah, nine, and Eve, seven, with wife **Sarah-Jane Fenton**, 35.

He enjoys being the only man in the house, but admits the women rule the roost. He said: "I'm definitely not the boss in my house."

QUICKIE...

JADE Goody is in talks to start designing a High Street clothes range with items ranging from club wear to gym wear.

And the 24-year-old – who is currently starring in her own reality TV show *Jade's Salon* – hopes to market the clobber at ages ranging between 12-65.

We have to hand it to her for trying...

Mum's the word on glowing Bey

Picture: ALL ACTION



BEYONCÉ Knowles was true to form when she glittered at the grand venue of Cipriani Wall Street, New York, for a concert.

The 23-year-old singer, left, looked dazzling in a hand-beaded floor-length dress after arriving on the arm of her fiancé, rap star **Jay-Z**, 35, just moments after tennis star **Venus Williams**, 25, right.

And Venus happily showed off her bootilicious behind as she posed for pictures in her foxy black frock before enjoying her night out.

But it was Beyoncé who received the biggest reaction from fellow guests as speculation in the States grows that she could soon be hearing the pitter patter of tiny tootsies.

An insider said: "The rumour that Beyoncé and Jay-Z could be expecting is doing the rounds and Beyoncé is really, really taking care of herself."

"Bey's pals deny she's expecting and say she and Jay will marry before having babies, but at this particular event she was being very careful with what she ate and drank and looked positively glowing."

"One thing's for sure, they'll make excellent parents."

"They are both amazing people who have a huge amount of respect for other humans and are head-over-heels in love with each other."

And speaking to *The Goss* when he was in Blighty for the GQ Awards, Jay dropped his biggest hint yet he's looking forward to being a dad.

He told us: "I think being a parent must be the hardest job in the world, but the coolest." Ahhhh.



Picture: JPMATRIX

HUSH HUSH

THIS top TV presenter has been banned from staying at a swanky London hotel after being so rude to staff. The wealthy woman regularly turns up drunk before demanding late night room service and coming on to the poor poppets who deliver her food. Which, we're told, isn't a pretty sight considering she strips off all her clothes and is badly in need of some Botox.

Jen's big break

JENNIFER Aniston claims her marriage break-up has helped her career.

The 36-year-old actress, whose divorce from **Brad Pitt**, 41, was finalised last month, admits she used her own experience to enhance her performance in upcoming movie *The Break-Up*.

Jen, who is said to be dating her co-star in the film **Vince Vaughn**, 35,

explained: "The movies that I've been a part of lately have reflected something that's been happening in my life, oddly enough. That happened to me on *Friends*, too."

"Especially with the last one being *The Break-Up*, you have this great opportunity to channel energy into something. That just feels great and is turning something negative into a positive thing. I like that."

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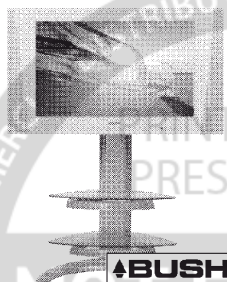
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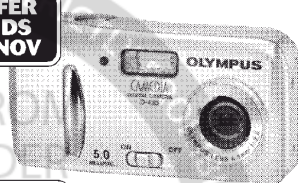
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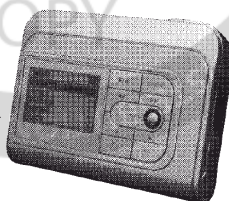
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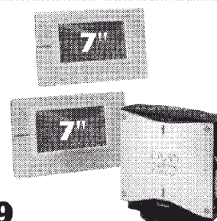
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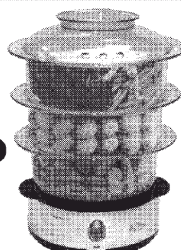
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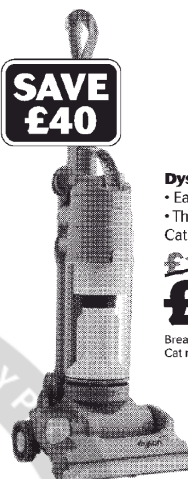
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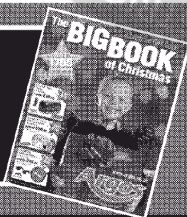
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Ban on charity

CUSTOMS chiefs have banned workers from giving to a charity for fear of upsetting Muslims.

Bosses at HM Revenue & Customs are worried that Christmas texts included with gifts sent out in The Samaritan's Purse appeal to needy kids could be deemed offensive to non-Christians.

Mike Judge, of the Christian Institute, said: "What is wrong with putting Bible stories into a box of gifts?"

XMAS BACK ON

We win Winter lights switch battle



YOUR Daily Star has beaten the barmy bureaucrats who are out to wreck Christmas.

Officials have admitted they blundered over plans to call Xmas lights Winter lights.

Council chiefs in Lambeth, south London, have blamed the "error" on a junior official concerned about other faiths in the borough. A spokeswoman said: "It is not a council decision. Councillors are up in arms about it."

■ by PAUL MALLEY

Our story yesterday prompted an avalanche of complaints from various groups, including the Church of England, the Muslim Council of Britain and politicians.

Support from readers flooded into the Daily Star. One dad, Andy Christley, 31, has even set up a web-

site: www.saveourchristmas.co.uk. Andy, of Biddulph, Staffs, blasted: "I've had enough of all this political correctness. When is it going to end?"

Rapped

"I am happy with different religions mixing together, but when they start messing with my Christmas I have had enough."

Dad Stephen Rutherford, 30, of Wakefield, west Yorks., rapped the

Meridian shopping centre, Havant, Hants., for axing a grotto for being "past its sell-by date".

He said: "I can't imagine a childhood without the magic of Santa."

In our phone poll yesterday 76% of readers demanded controversial festive stamps should be dropped.

Pictures of Hindus worshipping the baby Jesus and a black Virgin sparked a huge row but Royal Mail chiefs have refused to withdraw them.

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Justin is still so cool

POP star Justin Timberlake, 24, turned up with girlfriend Cameron Diaz, 33, to support the Black Eyed Peas as they played Madison Square Garden, New York.

He helped give the band their break when he sang on debut hit Where Is The Love? and they've stayed friends.

The group were playing alongside sexy Gwen Stefani, 36.

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FACTOR STARS' BIG HEARTS



Journey of hope for kids

■ X FACTOR band Journey South proved they're stars with hearts by visiting sick children in hospital. Hunky brothers Andy, 29, and 24-year-old Carl Pemberton took time out from rehearsals to entertain patients at London's new Evelina Children's Hospital.

■ Meanwhile, Chico is odds-on to be eliminated from the show this week, with bookies making the 34-year-old favourite to get dumped. Chenai, 19, is second favourite, with the Conway Sisters third.



PEN PAL: Singer Andy Pemberton signs some autographs for fans



ALL SMILES: Shayne with Laura, Marie and Sinead of the Conway Sisters

CHENAI TAKES ON BRENDA IN BITCH FACTOR

'Too old' jibes trigger X-rated ruck

X FACTOR diva **Brenda Edwards** clashed with fellow finalist **Chenai Zinyuku** after being branded "an oldie".

The catfight was so serious mentors Louis Walsh and Sharon Osbourne had to step in.

Last night a show spokesman said: "Things got heated, but we hope they have kissed and made up now."

The fur flew inside the X Factor house when the wannabes settled down to watch a video of Saturday night's programme.

During the show, Simon Cowell, 46,

by PETER DYKE

insisted 19-year-old Chenai's performance was below par.

He said that out of the three women - who include Brenda, 36, and Maria Lawson, 30 - Chenai was the weakest. Chenai - who is in Louis' category - snapped back: "Well, they are 15 years older than me!"

Buxom Brenda was backstage at the time and couldn't hear the comment.

But when she saw it on the video she flipped.

Brenda - who is being looked after by Sharon - hissed: "Listen darling, age has got nothing to do with this contest."

This show is about whether or not you can sing."

Tearful Chenai then snapped at Brenda: "You're obviously sensitive about your age then."

The pair then began screaming at one another, and a film crew had to step in and separate the girls.

They took Chenai into garden of the mansion in Hampstead, north London, to cool down.

Louis and Sharon, both 53, were told about the spat and phoned the girls to order them to make their peace.

A show source added: "They were like cats screeching at one another."

The big bust-up can be seen on X Factor 24/7 tonight, ITV2, 9pm.

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TEARFUL: Chenai



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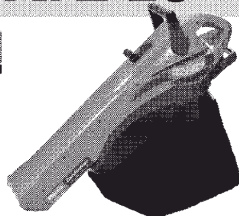
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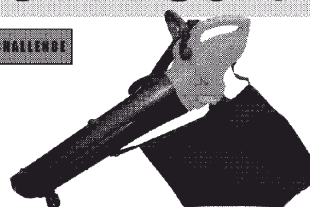
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- 7 (4) **Gold Digger** Pussycat Dolls feat Busta Rhymes
- 8 (5) **Don't Cha** Black Eyed Peas
- 9 (10) **My Humps** Bob Sinclar feat. Gary Pine
- 10 (8) **Love Generation**



JOE MOTT'S AWARD WINNING **Hot** Edited by KIM DAWSON

**MTV'S
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A Spit of bother..

TEXAS star **Sharleen Spiteri** was packed away on a truck during a game of hide and seek. While promoting new single *Can't Resist*, the singer, 36, hid in a trunk from her three-year-old daughter Misty - but an unsuspecting roadie wheeled her off. She was freed after frantic shouting...

It's fame for Ozzy

OZZY Osbourne, 56, whose new album *Under Cover* is out on November 28, and **Black Sabbath** are to be inducted into the UK Hall of Fame. This year's ceremony on November 16 will also see **Bob Dylan**, 64, **Pink Floyd**, **Jimi Hendrix**, **The Kinks**, **The Who**, **Joy Division/New Order** and **John Peel** honoured.



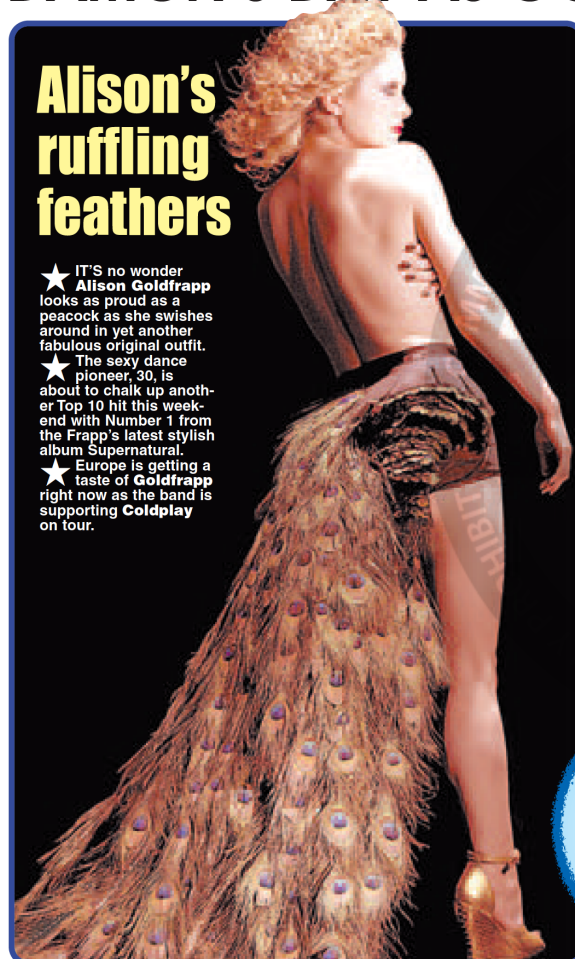
MONKEY BUSINESS: Ryder, above, and Albarn, far right

Fans go ape!

DAMON'S DAY AS GORILLAZ TRIUMPH

Alison's ruffling feathers

★ IT'S no wonder **Alison Goldfrapp** looks as proud as a peacock as she swishes around in yet another fabulous original outfit. ★ The sexy dance pioneer, 30, is about to chalk up another Top 10 hit this week-end with Number 1 from the Frapp's latest stylish album *Supernatural*. ★ Europe is getting a taste of **Goldfrapp** right now as the band is supporting **Coldplay** on tour.



DAMON Albarn's got balls, I'll give him that. Sizeable ones to boot.

Bringing the epic *Demon Days* to life live could have seen him take the biggest fall of his career on a very public stage.

But he didn't. The opening night of his five night run at the Manchester Opera House was a jaw-dropping triumph.

One of the most profoundly joyful gigs you're ever likely to see in fact. With a cast of some 80 musicians **Gorillaz**' first entirely totally live outing, as part of The Manchester International Festival, was stunning from start to finish.

While 36-year-old **Jamie Hewlett's** animations flashed away on a giant video screen the main action came courtesy of the awesome band the **Blur** leader has recruited.

A glittering roll call of guests cropped up throughout the staggering 90-minute set.

A deafening, dubbed-out *Last Living Souls* kicked off the astonishing run-through of the record.

Neneh Cherry, 32, popped up to add her honeyed tonsils to *Kids With Guns*.

But it was the head-spinning performance of *Dirty Harry* that elevated the evening into the realms of something truly special indeed.

And you've got the 30-strong choir of school children from the Wythenshawe area of the city to thank for

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that. They squeezed onto stage, a little dazzled by the bright lights, but swiftly relaxed into some quite exemplary choral work.

When rapper **Bootie Brown**, 35, slid on and a pair of choristers broke into a body-popping frenzy, the venue erupted. It was quite extraordinary.

Dazzling

Ike Turner, 74, resplendent in a dazzling gold-sequined suit, added a fearsome dose of honkey-tonk piano to *Every Planet We Reach Is Dead*.

Later on **Shaun Ryder**, 43, got a predictably warm welcome from his hometown for a rendition of *DARE* that threatened to bring the venerable venue crumbling around everyone.

A finale of *Don't Get Lost In Heaven* and *Demon Days* with the Manchester Community Choir was tear-jerkingly beautiful too.

Glorious from start to finish, *Demon Days* live simply can't be missed.

CARL STROUD

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THE *Darkness* will introduce their second album with a 2006 tour starting in Dublin on February 4. **Justin Hawkins**, 30, said: 'It will be great to air the new album and new bass player **Richie Edwards**, as well as playing some of our older classics. We're looking forward to it.'

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£50m of Primark gear goes up in smoke



GUTTED: Primark's burned out warehouse

PRIMARK bosses were trying to salvage Christmas stock last night after a massive blaze tore through its main warehouse.

About half their supply of trendy clothes, shoes and accessories ordered in for the busy festive season was wiped out. The discount chain, loved by celebrities such as 20-year-old Wayne Rooney's girlfriend Coleen McLoughlin, 19, telly presenter Denise Van Outen, 31, and stylish Sienna Miller, 23, was expecting a sales boom in the run-up to Christmas.

Now chiefs are frantically placing massive orders with European suppliers to replace

■ by NADINE LINGE

their incinerated stock, worth a staggering £50million.

A spokesman for its parent company Associated British Foods Plc said: "Primark is insured for stock and business interruption and alternative arrangements are being made to continue the supply to UK stores."

Probe

It's estimated half of the stock in the UK is located elsewhere and is undamaged.

The blaze gutted the chain's main distribution depot at Lutterworth, Leics.

About 30 lorriesloads of designer styles and fashion must-haves are delivered to the warehouse every day.

Seventy firefighters tackled the blaze, which spread through the steel building and a nearby office block.

No one was injured and an investigation has been launched.

Coleen recently discovered the delights of the bargain store, saying: "I love designer gear - but that's no reason not to pick up a bargain."

Fashion designer to the stars Jessica Ogden, 35, has had her latest collection stolen on its way to Selfridges to be flogged on eBay.

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BIG FAN: A happy Coleen with her Primark gear

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